

Macon State College Faculty Senate
Minutes of Meeting #5
Called Meeting
PSC-112
Friday, January 6, 2012

Present:

Dr. Nancy Bunker (Associate Professor of English)
Dr. Debra Matthews (Professor of English)
Dr. Clay Morton (Associate Professor of English)
Dr. Andrew Manis (Associate Professor of History)
Dr. John Trimboli (Associate Professor of Mathematics)
Dr. Steven Wallace (Assistant Professor of Mathematics)
Dr. Kevin Cantwell (Chair, Professor of English)
Dr. Patrick Brennan (Recorder, Associate Professor of English)
Dr. David Davis (Professor of Biology)
Dr. Jeff Burne (Professor of Biology)
Dr. David Biek (Associate Professor of Psychology)
Dr. Larry Wolfenbarger (Professor of Economics)
Dr. Trip Shinn (Professor of Economics)
Dr. Shamani Shikwambi (Assistant Professor of Education)
Mr. Johnathan Yerby (Parliamentarian, Lecturer of Information Technology)
Mr. Chris Tsavatewa (Assistant Professor of Health Services Administration)
Dr. Darrell Thompson (Assistant Professor of Nursing)
Ms. Teresa Kochera (Associate Professor of Nursing)
Ms. Beth Brown (Associate Professor of Respirator (g))

- Ms. Laquita Denson (Instructional Technology Specialist for the School of Education)
- Ms. Marina Spears (Associate Professor of English and Reading)
- Ms. Sirena Fritz (Chair of the Department of Nursing)
- Dr. Christine Rigsby (Assistant Professor of Biology)
- Dr. Anthony Patti (Professor of Management)
- Dr. Jeff Stewart (Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs)
- Ms. Teri Miller (Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy)
- Dr. Mary Wearn (Chair of the Department of Media, Culture and the Arts)

Dr. Cantwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Dr. Brennan, the Senate Recorder, read the December 02, 2011 Minutes from meeting #4 of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Cantwell asked if there were any requests to modify these Minutes. There were none. Dr. Bunker motioned to approve these Minutes. Dr. Trimboli seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the Minutes from meeting #4 of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Bunker asked for unanimous consent to modify the Agenda of a called meeting to Allwritten after agenda item #4. Dr. Cantwell motioned to modify the language of agenda

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new institution will encompass five campuses: Cochran, Georgia; Dublin, Georgia; Eastman, Georgia; Warner Robins, Georgia; and Macon, Georgia. Our new institution may be granted university status during this consolidation process.

Dr. Allbritten opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Yerby asked if there was a name in mind for our new institution. Dr. Allbritten explained that the implementation team would confer with all concerned parties from both colleges to recommend a name to the Board of Regents, who would then decide.

Dr. Davis asked if the implementation team would report to the Faculty Senate. Dr. Allbritten ensured that there would be a campus-wide process. The report would be sent to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Jackson asked if the implementation team would consider student input. Dr. Allbritten ensured that students from all campuses would have input into the consolidation process. He also stressed that the five campuses of our new institution would continue to have different characters.

Dr. Shinn asked if the consolidation was being motivated by a desire to reduce costs. Dr. Allbritten said yes, and that the savings would be directed back into our classrooms.

Dr. Manis asked how the implementation team members would be chosen. Dr. Allbritten said that he would ask each college to send representatives. The implementation team would have representation from all affected areas, but would also be small enough to operate proficiently during the transition.

Dr. Wallace asked if we would realign departments and/or degree programs during the consolidation process. He also asked if students would be required to matriculate across several campuses. Dr. Allbritten explained that the implementation team would need to evaluate the budget systems of both colleges to determine whether or not departments and/or degree programs should be realigned. He ensured that we do not want to make students travel across campuses any more than they do now.

Mr. Yerby asked how this consolidation would affect our ongoing SACS review. Dr. Allbritten explained that we would not be a merged institution until the consolidation process is complete. Macon State College will be evaluated on its own for now. Still, the process will be completed by the end of the year.

Dr. Allbritten concluded his presentation with a promise to call a campus-wide meeting soon after the Board of Regents votes on consolidation on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Dr. Cantwell turned the meeting over to Ms. Sartin, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Ms. Sartin introduced Dr. Ann Levett, the acting Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Levett explained that regional school districts have expressed resounding support for our proposed Master of Education/Instructional Technology degree. The degree program would be ~~UQVDZHNHQKEULGPRGHOWRDSSHDOWRZUNLQWHDfKHUVUQHU~~ asked if the program would require the college to hire new faculty. Dr. Levett confirmed that it would. Mr. Yerby motioned to approve the proposal. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the proposal for the Master of Education/Instructional Technology degree.

Ms. Sartin introduced Dr. Anthony Patti, Professor of Management. Dr. Patti explained that regional surveys have demonstrated strong support for our proposed Master of Business Administration degree. In fact, Robins Air Force Base sees the graduate degree as central to its future growth. Dr. Trimboli asked if students would be able to complete the program in a year. Dr. Patti explained that it would take 18 months to two years to complete the program. Dr. Cantwell asked if the program would contain a graduate writing course. Dr. Patti said that it would not. Dr. Cantwell suggested creating a writing certificate for graduate students. Dr. Patti agreed that such a certificate warranted future consideration. Dr. Biek motioned to approve the proposal. Mr. Tsavatewa seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the proposal for the Master of Business Administration degree.

Ms. Sartin introduced Dr. Rebecca Corvey, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Corvey explained that there is strong regional support for our proposed Master of Science in Nursing/ASN-MSN/Clinical Nurse Leadership degree. This degree ~~RQGDGPLWVWGHQVZWKDQVRFLDQGHV~~ in Nursing and graduate them with a ~~ODVWHUWGHJUHHLQXVLQQLQFDOIKVH/HDGHUVKLSUQHHUDVNHGLIWKLVBQLQFDO~~ Nurse Leadership program would require more clinical hours than a traditional MSN. Dr. Corvey explained that it would, but that it would not require as many clinical hours as the proposed Master of Science in Nursing/Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner degree. Dr. Thompson volunteered that this specific graduate nursing degree aligned with the Institute of MediFLQY GULYH WR SUHSDUH VDIHU QVHV U :DOODFH motioned to approve the proposal. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the proposal for the Master of Science in Nursing/ASN-MSN/Clinical Nurse Leadership degree.

Dr. Corvey then went on to explain the benefits of the proposed Master of Science in Nursing/Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner degree. She explained that its focus on Gerontology would attract not only students within the Middle Georgia region, but also students beyond the Middle Georgia region. Ms. Spears asked if this degree would require a BSN for admission. Dr. Corvey confirmed that it would. Dr. Thompson noted that this graduate nursing degree also aligned with the Institute of ~~OHGLFLQY GULYHWR SUHSD~~ nurses. Dr. Manis motioned to approve the proposal. Dr. Shikwambi seconded the motion. The Senate voted to approve the proposal for the Master of Science in Nursing/Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner degree.

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